

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS 2020/21

Instrumental and vocal lessons continue to be an important part of the education programme on offer at QE.

Our aim is to encourage the full development of students' musical potential, their confidence and social awareness.

QE's talented and experienced peripatetic music teachers have been hand-picked by the music department to ensure your child is taught efficiently and with correct technique, to create rapid yet sustainable progress.

HOW LESSONS WORK

Students miss a strictly limited time out of regular classroom lessons, and via rotation rarely miss the same subject every week. Your child will be given their regular lesson time at the start of the year, and it will also be published on the music board outside the practice room suite. Our peripatetic teachers are in high demand; they also teach at other schools and therefore cannot alter their day at QE.

Students are expected to catch up on any work missed from their timetabled lessons. They are privileged to be working alongside professional musicians, and therefore out of courtesy and to ensure excellent progress, it is vital they make every effort to attend their music lesson.

Your child will only progress if they practise outside of their lesson. Our teachers will be giving their students clear guidance on how to practise. They will also be monitoring and reporting on your child's progress. The more you as parents/carers can do in supporting this practice, the swifter your child's progress will be.

MISSED LESSONS

You should inform the school if your child is absent from their lesson, stating the reason (illness, etc.). If a lesson is missed by the student, it cannot be rearranged. If a teacher misses a lesson, the lesson will be rearranged

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You will be contacted if your child misses two consecutive lessons. Following our discussions with the instrumental teacher and parents, the termination of lessons may occur. Please note that we offer 32 lessons per academic year. Students may only withdraw from this teaching programme at the end of a term. Notice must be given by you in writing to Mr Glover, Director of Music, at least half a term in advance.

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COST OF LESSONS

From September 2020 the cost per lesson will be £12.00. This will be added to your child's ParentPay account.

HIRING AND PURCHASING INSTRUMENTS

For the first few months of learning, students are usually encouraged to hire an instrument from local music shops. QE's music department is proud to be associated with music retailers Play It Again, Trish G Music and Absolute Music and can vouch for their expertise in sourcing excellent and affordable instruments. There are a number of schemes available, including Take It Away, which can help to make buying an instrument easier. In any event it is advisable to wait until confirmation of instrumental tuition before purchasing or hiring an instrument.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Music at Queen Elizabeth's School is highly developed and valued. We look forward to welcoming all our new students and hope that they will participate in a rewarding year of music-making. If any any time you wish to discuss your child's progress in music, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Student Name: _____

House: _____

From September 2020 the cost per lesson will be £12.00 Your child's ParentPay account will be assigned to this service. If you have any concerns or queries regarding this arrangement, please contact the main school office.

(Please return this form to the main school office marked for the attention of Mr S Glover by 30th June 2020)

Instrument	Please tick	Beginner/Current Level/Grade
Brass (please specify)		
Cello		
Guitar - Electric/Acoustic* (*please delete as appropriate)		
Violin		
Flute		
Saxophone		
Clarinet		
Bassoon		
Drums		
Oboe		
Double Bass		
Bass Guitar		
Piano		
Vocals		
Other (please state)		